

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 381, "An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study School Climate"

The bill would establish a statewide task force to examine various issues pertaining to school climate. CCM is committed to ensuring our students have a safe learning environment.

Municipal officials have direct experience in addressing local issues pertaining to education and we believe they would be an invaluable addition to the task force. Therefore, ask the Committee to <u>amend</u> SB 381 to add a Local Chief elected Official to the task force.

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